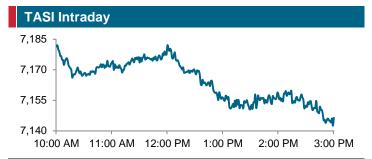
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Source: Reuters

Saudi Stock Indices						
Index	Last Close	1 Day %	WTD %	YTD %	PE (TTM)	
Saudi (TASI)	7,146	-0.5	-0.9	-0.9	16.9	
Saudi (NOMU)	3,102	-0.3	0.0	NA	NA	
Energy	4,247	-0.6	-1.3	-14.7	15.0	
Materials	4,967	-0.7	-1.1	-0.3	20.4	
Capital Goods	4,290	-0.9	-1.7	-14.0	14.8	
Com. & Prof. Svc	4,191	1.6	1.2	-16.9	19.1	
Transportation	4,035	0.5	-0.2	-20.9	15.6	
Cons. Durables & Apparel	4,053	-0.7	-1.0	-12.8	NA	
Consumer Services	3,682	-1.0	-0.9	-23.8	11.9	
Media	7,736	-0.3	-0.5	51.1	NA	
Retailing	5,617	0.8	1.0	14.4	18.4	
Food & Staples Retailing	5,500	-0.4	0.2	8.8	24.4	
Food & Beverages	4,915	-1.3	-1.7	0.3	42.7	
Health Care Equipment	4,472	-1.4	-1.2	-10.9	24.0	
Pharma, Biotech & Life Science	3,951	0.8	1.5	-26.6	9.8	
Banks	5,439	-0.3	-0.6	7.0	11.1	
Diversified Financials	3,974	-0.4	-0.2	-20.3	NA	
Insurance	4,714	-0.2	0.6	-4.0	16.7	
Telecommunication	4,198	-0.3	-0.9	-16.1	14.2	
Utilities	4,337	-4.3	-6.9	-10.8	8.5	
REITs	4,688	2.3	2.6	-6.2	NA	
Real Estate	4,676	0.1	-0.6	-6.8	NA	

Sources: Bloomberg, Reuters, Tadawul

Top 5 Gainers

Company	Last Close	% Change	Value (SAR mn)
Jadwa REIT Al Haramain Fund	10.65	5.0%	53.5
Alandalus Property Co.	21.03	3.8%	19.9
Anaam International Holding Group Co.	15.50	2.8%	23.3
Riyad REIT Fund	9.80	2.5%	16.3
Tihama Advertising & Public Relations Co.	47.76	2.2%	37.8

Source: Tadawul

Upcoming General Assembly Meetings

Company	Proposed Date
Saudi Arabia Fertilizers Co.	26-Dec-17
Al Hammadi Company for Development and Investment	26-Dec-17
Bawan Co.	26-Dec-17
Gulf Union Cooperative Insurance Co.	26-Dec-17
Halwani Bros. Co.	26-Dec-17
Saudi Steel Pipe Co.	27-Dec-17
Source: Tadawul	

NOTES: (1) Prices as of last trade. Updated as of December 26, 2017

(2) WTD: Week to Date and YTD: Year to Date

Saudi Market Update

- The TASI declined 0.5% to close at 7,146 on Monday. The NOMU closed 0.3% lower at 3,102. TASI traded value totaled SAR 3.1bn and averaged SAR 3.9bn over the last 30 days. The five most active stocks (by value) in TASI accounted for 43.1% of the daily traded
- Banks and Materials declined 0.3% and 0.7% respectively. Telecom closed 0.3% lower. REITs (up 2.3%) was the best performer. Among stocks, Jadwa REIT Al Haramain Fund (4332/JADWA AB), Alandalus Property Co. (4320/ALANDALU AB), and Anaam International Holding Group Co. (4061/ANAAM AB) led gainers.
- The General Authority for Statistics revealed the November commodity prices, of which 83 commodities declined on a yearly basis, while 70 other products witnessed an increase in their prices. The prices of 52 food products dropped YoY, while the prices of other 29 products increased. (Source: Argaam)
- The Capital Market Authority (CMA) would ease investment regulations for the Nomu Parallel Market to investor interest and liquidity. Terms would be amended so that the person should hold a professional degree in the stock market or have a three-year experience in the field of investment, and that a retail investor's net assets should be at least SAR 5mn (USD 1.3mn). (Source: Argaam)
- Shura Council requested the CMA to develop a timeline for new policies and procedures required for deepening the local stock and debt market. CMA was also requested to improve disclosure rules and investor protection. (Source: Argaam)
- The General Authority of Statistics revealed the prices of 16-mm steel increased 22.9% Y/Y to SAR 2,234.1 per ton, followed by 18-mm steel with 22.8% Y/Y rise to SAR 2,232.97 per ton, and 14-mm steel with 22.7% Y/Y increase to SAR 2,233.92 per ton in November. (Source: Mubasher)
- Royal Commission for Jubail and Yanbu (RCJY) inked 30 deals worth more than SAR 18bn (USD 4.8bn) to assign sites for industrial and commercial investment projects in Ras Al Khair, Jubail, and Yanbu. (Source: Argaam)
- Jadwa REIT Al Haramain Fund (4332/JADWA AB) completed the acquisition of two properties worth SAR 148mn (USD 39.5mn) in Makkah, which was financed through the existing Shariah-compliant debt facility. (Source: Tadawul)

Top 5 Losers Value Last % Change Company (SAR Close mn) Saudi Electricity Co. 19.88 -5.0% 101.9 Al-Jouf Agriculture Development Co. 27.86 -4.5% 20.0 Saudi Cable Co. 46 86 -3 2% 7 0 United Wire Factories Co. 15 53 -2 8% 87 Halwani Bros Co. 50.15 -2.7% 2.1

Most Active Stocks by Value (SAR mn)						
Company	Last Close	% Change	Value (SAR mn)			
Dar Alarkan Real Estate Development Co.	13.12	1.9%	406			
Alinma Bank	18.97	0.5%	388			
Saudi Basic Industries Corp.	101.28	-0.4%	300			
Al Rajhi Bank	63.94	-0.5%	138			
Saudi Kayan Petrochemical Co.	10.47	-1.6%	103			

Source: Tadawul

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GCC Stock Indices						
Index	Last Close	1 Day %	WTD %	YTD %	PE (TTM)	
Dubai (DFM)	3,355	0.2	-0.3	-5.0	21.2	
Abu Dhabi (ADX)	4,338	0.3	-0.2	-4.6	15.6	
Kuwait (KSE)	6,345	0.0	-1.1	10.4	15.5	
Qatar (QE)	8,570	-0.4	-0.6	-17.9	13.9	
Oman (MSM)	5,023	-0.6	-0.8	-13.1	12.1	
Bahrain (BSE)	1,293	0.6	0.9	6.0	7.6	
DJMENA Index	518	-0.5	-0.5	-0.3	NA	

Source: Bloomberg, Reuters

Global Stock Indices						
Index	Last Close	1 Day %	WTD %	YTD %	PE (TTM)	
US (S&P 500)	2,683	0.0	0.3	19.9	22.5	
US (NASDAQ 100)	6,960	-0.1	0.3	29.3	23.5	
UK (FTSE 100)	7,593	-0.1	1.4	6.3	22.7	
Germany (DAX)	13,073	-0.3	-0.2	14.2	19.2	
France (CAC 40)	5,365	-0.4	0.3	10.3	18.4	
Russia (MICEX)	2,105	0.1	0.1	-4.6	7.1	
Japan (Nikkei)	22,939	0.2	0.2	19.8	19.7	
Hong Kong (HSI)	29,578	0.7	2.5	34.4	13.8	
South Korea (KOSPI)	2,441	0.4	-1.7	20.4	10.2	
China (SHCOMP)	3,280	-0.5	-0.5	5.7	16.6	
India (NIFTY)	10,493	0.5	1.5	28.2	23.8	
Brazil (IBOV)	75,187	0.1	3.6	24.8	18.6	
Turkey (BIST 100)	1,11,765	0.6	0.6	43.0	9.7	
Egypt (EGX30)	14,843	0.4	1.2	20.2	9.4	
MSCI Emerging Markets	1,141	0.0	0.0	32.3	15.7	
MSCI World	2,100	0.0	0.0	19.9	21.5	

Source: Bloomberg, Reuters

Commodities Prices					
Index	Last Close	1 Day %	WTD %	YTD %	1 Year %
Brent Crude (\$/bbl)	65.3	0.5	3.2	14.8	19.8
Natural Gas (\$/mmbtu)	2.7	2.7	2.1	-29.4	-26.7
Gold (\$/oz)	1,275	0.0	0.0	10.7	12.5
Silver (\$/oz)	16.4	-0.1	-0.1	2.9	4.0
Platinum (\$/oz)	920	0.1	0.1	1.8	3.0
Copper (\$/t)	7,085	0.6	3.4	28.3	28.8
Zinc (\$/t)	3,265	0.9	1.9	27.7	25.6
Lead (\$/mt)	2,473	-0.7	-1.5	24.6	14.1
Wheat (\$/bu)	425	-0.5	1.6	-11.1	-10.0
Corn (\$/bu)	352	0.2	1.3	-9.5	-9.1
Sugar (\$/lb)	14.6	-1.2	6.9	-21.4	-18.5

Source: Bloomberg

Interest Rate Watch (3M Interbank Offer Rate, %)						
Country	Last Close	1 Day Change	YTD Change	Spread*		
US	1.69	0.00	0.69	0.00		
Saudi Arabia	1.90	0.00	-0.14	0.21		
UAE	1.78	0.07	0.30	0.09		
Kuwait	1.88	0.00	0.44	0.19		
Qatar	2.72	0.03	0.94	1.03		
Bahrain	2.73	0.08	0.63	1.04		

Source: Reuters

NOTES: (1) Prices updated as of December 26, 2017 (2) WTD: Week to Date; YTD: Year to Date; NA: Not Applicable, *Spread = US 3M Rate – Country 3M Rate

GCC & Global Markets Update

- · Global markets were closed for trading on Monday.
- Asian markets are trading mixed on Tuesday. China is up by 0.2% while Japan is down by 0.1%. South Korea is trading 0.4% higher while Hong Kong is closed for trading. India is up by 0.1% in morning trade.
- GCC markets ended mixed on Monday. Dubai and Abu Dhabi gained 0.2% and 0.3% respectively. Kuwait ended flat while Qatar ended 0.4% lower. Oman closed 0.6% lower while Bahrain closed 0.6% higher.
- Change in Japan's CPI for the month of November 2017 stood at 0.7% M/M, 0.6% Y/Y (prior: 0.0% M/M, 0.2% Y/Y). (Source: Econoday)
- Moody's expects the banking sector in the GCC to deliver a stable performance in 2018, reflecting strong financial fundamentals, particularly in the UAE and Saudi Arabia. The agency added the strong capitalization levels with high loan-loss reserves would provide banks with strong loss-absorption capacity. (Source: Gulf Base)
- The UAE's Federal Customs Authority revealed the country's non-oil foreign trade increased 0.8% Y/Y to AED 784bn (USD 213bn) during 1H17 from AED 778bn (USD 212bn). Exports and re-exports reached AED 89.1bn (USD 24.3bn) and AED 217bn (USD 59.1bn), respectively, whereas imports stood at AED 478bn (USD 130bn) during 1H17. (Source: Trade Arabia)
- Oman's Ministry of Finance announced it postponed the implementation of value-added tax (VAT) until 2019. However, the application of the selective tax on certain products would commence by the middle of 2018. (Source: Gulf Base)
- The National Centre for Statistics and Information revealed Oman's non-oil exports increased 28.3% Y/Y to OMR 1.8bn (USD 4.7bn) during the first seven months of 2017 from OMR 1.4bn (USD 3.7bn). (Source: Gulf Base)
- The Supreme Council Member and Ruler of Ajman approved the general budget of the Ajman Government for 2018 at AED 1.4bn (USD 372mn), 16% higher than the 2017 budget. (Source: Gulf Base)
- According to the executive regulations on VAT, transporting passengers into or out of the UAE by sea or air is zero-rated. Additionally, goods supplied for use or consumption or sale by or on an aircraft or a ship are zero-rated. (Source: Gulf Base)
- The UAE-based Green Valley Group stated it invested around AED 3.2bn (USD 871mn) in 42 real estate projects in 2017, so far. Turkey received the largest stake of the company's investments at AED 1.1bn (USD 299mn). (Source: Mubasher)
- Al Ayam reported Agility Public Warehousing (AGLTY KK) is currently
 is currently working on expanding its logistic position in Bahrain with
 investments reaching USD 10mn (KWD 3.1mn). The company's
 expansion plan would create 50 job opportunities, promoting the
 services provided in the consumer goods segment in Bahrain.
 (Source: Mubasher)

Coming Up

- US jobless claims for the week ended December 23 (prior: 245K) will be announced on December 28. (Source: Econoday)
- US EIA Petroleum status report on weekly change in crude oil inventories for the week ended December 22 (prior: -6.5mn barrels) will be announced on December 28. (Source: Econoday)
- US ISM Manufacturing Index for the month of December 2017 (prior: 58.2) will be announced on January 2, 2018. (Source: Econoday)

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